

Safe Boating Day

May 2011

U.S. Coast Guard Station Gloucester to hold Safe Boating Day event

GLOUCESTER, Mass. – U.S. Coast Guard Station Gloucester will be holding a Safe Boating Day event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 21, 2011.

The event is help to promote safe boating awareness though demonstrations and informational booths.

“The goal is to put all aspects of boating safety back in the public eye as we approach our spring and summer boating season,” said Chief Warrant Officer Luis Munoz, the commanding officer of Station Gloucester.

The station will showcase an assortment of search and rescue demonstrations to include a live helicopter demonstration from U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, MA., damage control simulations, a live distress flare exercises, dewatering pump operation, and live fire extinguisher demonstrations.

Tours of the station and of the visiting U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Jefferson Island a 110 foot patrol boat will be available to the public during the day’s events.

Partnering and businesses along with the Coast Guard will have booths setup throughout the station grounds to offer information on:

- VHF radio and Digital Selective Calling/Distress operation
- Salvage
- Medical information and Services
- Boating Under the Influence



Above: U.S. Coast Guard helicopter video.

- Commercial vessels
- Kayaking safety
- Cold water survival
- Fire extinguishers and operation

boating under the influence information, flare demonstrations, commercial fishing vessel safety, tours of Station Gloucester and its vessels, structured boating and paddling safety and various informational booths.



Above: U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Jefferson Island at its homeport in Maine.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will also be offering free vessel safety exams for recreational vessels at the boat launch located by the Gloucester High School and at the Gloucester Harbor Masters dock for vessels not on trailers. If the inspection is conducted at the boat ramp and the vessel passes the inspection by the examiner the launch fee of \$10.00 will be waived by the City of Gloucester.

Representatives include:

U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
U.S. Power Squadron
State of Massachusetts Marine Environmental Protection
Commercial fishing safety representatives
Gloucester Health Department
Northeast Health Systems
Gloucester Fisherman's Wives Association
Gloucester Fire Department
Gloucester Harbor Master
Gloucester Police Department
REI
Seatronics
North Shore Fire

The event will be held at the station located at 17 Harbor Loop in Gloucester, Mass.

Parking will be available at the lot adjacent to the Building Center and on Harbor Loop at a first come first serve basis.

For more information about the event please contact Adam Smart at (978) 283-0705



Above: Video tour of 47 foot Motor Life Boat at USCG Station Gloucester



Above: Top 11 Coast Guard videos



Above: Massachusetts Environmental Police promoting wearing a life jacket

Links of Interest

Why you should have a VHF radio: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BAuNqB9V3M&feature=related>

Introduction to distress signals: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ud6cz75lc58&feature=relmfu>

U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Website: <http://www.uscgboating.org/default.aspx>

Massachusetts Environmental Police: http://www.boat-ed.com/ma/ma_envpolice.htm